

Amendments to the Specification

Pages 3-4, the paragraph bridging these pages, page 3, line 21 to page 4, line 13, replace the paragraph with:

Figure 1 generally illustrates the three layers that are a result of a preferred embodiment of the present invention, namely a first (inner) layer 10, a second layer 20, a third layer 30 and a fourth (outer) layer 40. These layers are attached to each other either by mechanical bonding (or stitch bonding, such as that performed by Tietex, Inc. or Xymid group of DuPont®), lamination (flame lamination, for example), or a combination of these two. Mechanical bonding can be performed using nylon or LYCRA® (spandex) thread or the like. Other equivalent methods may also be employed. Furthermore, as mentioned later, if encapsulation technology is used for the material(s) used as the fourth layer 40, then the fourth layer 40 is preferably not laminated to the third layer 30. This is due to the nature of encapsulated materials. A detailed discussion of the materials preferably used in these layers follows.